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Mark B. Busby, Clerk of Court  
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RE: Withdrawal Due to Change in Counsel Case MDL # 2741 (N.D.Cal.) Roundup

Dear Mr. Busby:

This letter serves as notification of the withdrawal of counsel from Smith v. Monsanto Company et al Case # 3-16-md-02741/ 3-19-cv-02385 due to distrust in current legal representation. After I researched and found that this case is one of the MDL pending cases waiting for updates and was never informed by my attorney of the current status. I decided to seek different counsel who is better suited to oversee the specific aspects of this case.

At this point, I do not feel comfortable with Roy T. Willey as counsel representative, which is why I am reaching out to the court to move this case forward. I don't know what information is needed to update this case, but if you can help me with legal guidance and advice I would appreciate it. I know that I am a part of the Wave 4 Schedule.

My career started with the South Carolina Department of Transportation in August 1989 as a Highway Maintenance Worker using roundup weed killer around signs, sidewalks, and bridges approximately three days per week for about seven years I used a four-gallon backpack for spraying and a 500-gallon tank on the back of a truck I would mixing the chemicals for use in the backpack.

In 2011 I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. In 2012 I was forced to retire due to complications from cancer, chemo, and radiation treatment. During my illness, I did not get Workers' Compensation. In 2018 I heard about the Roundup products Class action Lawsuits so I filed a claim. I am now 66 years old and I am still suffering from internal complications due to chemo and radiation treatment.

I have asked Attorney Roy T. Willey, IV, Esq./ Anastopoulo Law Firm, LLC to withdraw from this case as counsel due to mistrust and inadequate representation. I was told he negotiated a settlement with a Roundup Independent Settlement Program with a Roundup Litigation date of June 21, 2021,

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for \$29,250 and once he got his fees I would get \$15,000. I refused it and have not taken any payment as of today for this case.

I appreciate your efforts thus far and thank you for your understanding in this matter. I can be contacted by phone (843-229-0788) or by my sister Cherry Blakes' phone (843-601-2113) or her email address ([blakecs 53@yahoo.com](mailto:blakecs53@yahoo.com)).

Sincerely,

*Ronald T. Smith*

Mr. Ronald T. Smith

State of South Carolina  
Florence County  
sworn to and subscribed before me  
on the 23rd day of April 2025  
*Renée M. Davis*  
Notary Public's Signature  
My Commission Expires 10-28-32

